for deployment at Passport Office, Surat have also been earmarked. State Government of Gujarat has been asked to provide a building to open the new office.

List of Additional terrorists

1234. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are going to handover a list of additional 112 terrorists to Pakistan and America; and

(b) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) Government have taken up, with several countries, the issue of apprehending and handing over of fugitives from Indian law residing in those countries. This includes the list of 20 fugitives from law handed over to Pakistan on 31st December 2001 who have been granted safe haven in Pakistan.

Government are committed to taking all necessary and appropriate measures to deal with this issue.

Railway Expertise to Iraq in exchange of Oil

1235. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after bartering oil for food, Government plan to officer its expertise in railways to Iraq in exchange for oil;

(b) whether UN sanction against Iraq has still not been lifted; and

(c) if so, what are the facts of the case and the action taken by Government to strike the deal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (c) The UN sanctions against Iraq continue to be in force and exports to Iraq from all countries including India, are governed by "Oil for Food Programme" administered by the United Nations. This

programme does not cover barter arrangements. Offers by Indian companies of expertise in railway construction projects have been made under this programme to Iraqi authorities.

Indian citizens in Oman jails

*1236. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian citizens under imprisonment in Oman jails;

(b) whether any prisoners have been let off by reducing the form of imprisonment as the part of amnesty or whether the Oman Government proposes for the remission of the sentence of any Indian prisoners;

(c) whether any appeal or review or mercy petition preferred by any Indian prisoner is pending with Oman Government or appellate courts for final verdict; and

(d) whether any prisoners have been kept under imprisonment even after the completion of their term of imprisonment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) According to information available with the Government, there are at present 40(forty) Indians in Omani jails.

(b) Only one Indian national was released before completion of his imprisonment term.

(c) Petitions received from the relatives of prisoners are forwarded by our mission in Muscat to His Majesty the Sultan through the Omani Ministry of Foreign Affairs, from time to time for grant of pardon. Normally pardon is given only rarely and judicial verdicts are strictly implemented.

(d) No such case has been brought to the notice of the Government.